Complaints regarding ALHs

†*152. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the three Chiefs of Armed Forces have lodged their complaints to Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) regarding quality of Advanced Light Helicopters (ALHs);

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that a large number of such helicopters have become inoperative for want of spare parts and maintenance; and

(c) if so, the details of action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY) (a) to (c) The Service Chiefs of Armed Forces have given feed-back to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) on the performance of the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) in their respective fleet based on the operational experience in the initial phase of induction of such complex machines. Such feed-back is essential to incorporate necessary modifications to improve the capabilities of ALH in service and maintainability. They have now evinced satisfaction on the serviceability and other aspects of ALH.

The serviceability of ALH has shown substantial improvement over a period of time with extensive product support provided by HAL in the areas of supply of spares, tools and other equipment and also technical and logistics support at operational bases.

In order to support ALH in a fun integrated manner, HAL has set up a new Division for maintenance, repair and overhaul which will have facilities for repair and overhaul of all critical systems including engine, avionics, transmission system etc. and all other equipment fitted on ALH.

Criteria for SEZs

†*153. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have laid down any criteria regarding Special Economic Zone policy in the recent past;

(b) the benefit, farmers of the country will get as a result thereof and whether they will get full money for their land and what are the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the number of SEZs approved in Haryana after SEZ policy of Government and the number of acres of land to be acquired from the farmers;

(d) the amount of compensation per acre to be paid to the farmers and the period within which such compensation would be/has been given to the farmers after land acquisition; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) the State-wise details of total number of SEZs approved so far alongwith the number of those which will be set up on fertile land and waste land separately?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The establishment of Special Ecnomic Zones (SEZs) are based on the broad policy approved by the Parliament through the SEZ Act 2005 and the SEZ Rules 2006, as amended from time to time.

(b) As per the current guidelines the land required for the SEZs is either purchased directly from the landowners or can be acquired by the respective State Governments with the consent of all the landowners. It is expected that it will result in realization of market prices for the landowners.

(c) Since the SEZ Act, 2005 and the SEZ Rules, 2006 came into effect on 10th February, 2006, formal approval has been granted for setting up of 29 SEZs in Haryana involving total land area of 1500.39 hectares.

(d) In pursuance to the decisions of the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) at its meeting held on 5th April, 2007, the State Governments have been informed on 15th June, 2007 that the Board of Approval will not approve any SEZs where the State Governments have carried out or propose to carry out compulsory acquisition of land for such SEZs after 5th April, 2007. Therefore, land required for the SEZs would now be acquired or purchased as per the consent of the landowner which is expected to result in realization of better compensation for the landowners.

(e) Land being a State subject, decision to earmark land of various types for different purposes is taken by the respective State Governments in accordance with the policies laid down by them. However, the State Governments have been advised that in case of land required for SEZs, first priority should be for waste and barren land and if necessary, single crop land should be considered. If perforce a portion of double cropped agricultural land has to be acquired to meet the minimum area, requirements, especially for multi-product SEZs, the same should not exceed 10% of the total land required for the SEZs. State-wise details of the SEZs approved so far are as follows.

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	Formal approvals
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	61
2.	Chandigarh	2
3.	Chhattisgarh	1
4.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2
5.	Delhi	2
6.	Goa	7
7.	Gujarat	29
8.	Haryana	29
9.	Himachal Pradesh	_

1	2	3
10.	Jharkhand	1
1.	Karnataka	36
12.	Kerala	11
13.	Madhya Pradesh	8
14.	Maharashtra	75
15.	Nagaland	1
16.	Orissa	9
17.	Puducherry	1
18.	Punjab	6
19.	Rajasthan	5
20.	Tamil Nadu	53
21.	Uttaranchal	3
22.	Uttar Pradesh	12
23.	West Bengal	12
	TOTAL:	366

Joint exercises with US

*154. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of joint Naval, Air and Land exercises that have taken place between India and U.S.A during last five years;

(b) the details of U.S. nuclear ships participated in these joint exercises; and

(c) whether any ship with nuclear reactor or arms from any other nation has also docked at any of the Indian ports or any other facilities have been provided to them?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) The details of joint Naval, Air and Land exercises conducted with USA in the last five years are as follows:-

Year	Joint Army Exercise	Joint Navy Exercise	Joint Air Exercise
1	2	3	4
2002	1	1	2
2003	2	1	1
2004	3	1	2
2005	4	1	1